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## PAY FOR AN HONORARY.

A most remarkable subject was brought up before the Trustees of the Queen's Hospital yesterday. Dr. Howard asked the management of the Queen's Hospital to pay him \$50 a month as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and throat. The Hospital, which is not in a very flourishing financial condition, has got a paid surgeon and a paid physician. The two gentlemen who hold these positions recommend a salary to Dr. Howard for the eye, ear and throat business. They wouldn't be very good colleagues if they didn't. The doctor is also endorsed by Mr. Bolte, who says that he has taken quite an interest in the matter, and who knows of several people who would enter the Hospital if the services of Dr. Howard could be obtained. Dr. Wood, according to Mr. Bolte, who evidently is an expert on medical matters, does not desire to undertake the treatment of certain diseases when a great specialist like Dr. Howard is around. May we ask the surgeon why, in thunder, is he there if he wants another man to do his work? Mr. Bolte, who is an expert on sugar trusts and military matters, has evidently forgotten that anybody desiring to become a patient at the Hospital, and able to pay the regular expenses, can be attended by a private physician. If Mr. Bolte knows of people who want to go to the Hospital and be treated by Dr. Howard for ear, eye or throat trouble. Why doesn't he tell them to do so and to send for the gentleman? and why should that worthy institution, which needs every cent at its disposal, squander \$50 a month to pay for the medical case of Mr. Bolte's friends through Dr. Howard? Heretofore there have been perhaps two instances in a month of patients at the Queen's Hospital who suffered from diseases of eye, ear and throat worthy of treatment by a specialist. They have so far been attended to by the surgeon and physician of the Hospital and no complaints have arisen. Dr. Howard is an honorary physician of the Hospital. As such it is his duty to assist whenever he can. He receives as physician of the dis-

pensary \$175 a month. If he is such a very prominent specialist his private practice should certainly be lucrative enough to make him relinquish the coveted claim of \$50 a month from the poor Queen's Hospital.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Minister King's insulting reply to Representative McBryde's pertinent questions about the water works building, emboldened Minister Damon in making a reply to Representative Richard's questions about the charter of the Lehua. Mr. Dole's government seem to feel that the dear people should pay taxes and ask no questions. This was not the way formerly.

Congressman Hilborn thought he was a special commission, self-appointed in himself. However, he thinks other Congressmen and Senators might like to make a trip to Hawaii at public expense and see—and hear—what tarradiddles the best government can get up. It is possible, but as a rule, the U. S. Government frowns on any other junketing expeditions than those conveying funerals. And even then the whiskey isn't always sufficient for embalming the dead.

We all know that the staunchest defender of the Stevens, Thurston, Wiltse and Dole combination, and their creation, the so-called Republic of Hawaii, is Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun. Writing of Dana, a recent critic says: \* \* \* "he became the public defender of Tweed, and, more recently of Crocker. He followed General Grant into the grave with his persecutions. \* \* \* Although, the editor of a professedly Democratic paper, he never has supported any Democratic national candidate in good faith since Tilden. \* \* \* He has been the champion of nearly everything and everybody who has been corrupt or criminal in the community and the most violent assailant of nearly all things that made for purer politics and purer life." \* \* \* It has been a puzzle to good people in these islands how the New York Sun could endorse the pious men who stole a kingdom and incarcerated the sovereign. After reading the pen pictures of the editor of the Sun the puzzle is solved.

The crawfish combination which bedims the Star's coruscations has discovered that other countries do not suppress Sunday concerts, and even style them "a feature of the best life in the best communities." But it does not say anything about the question of whether government money should be spent on Sunday band concerts—for amusement—or for roads, bridges, wharves and other public works—for the benefit of the working man's family.

The Sharpshooters may not, as a rule, be given to firing in the air. Yet it seems the air is full of their shots just now. Are they going to be a branch of the police force or a "well dressed" and poorly paid aid to the military marines?

Senator Rice thinks the bill to limit the Tramways Co.'s permission to begin to use electricity by Jan. 1, 1897, is constitutional. Some day, when the Senator has a smaller head, and the island of Kauai has

found a larger one, he will probably find, on application to the court by suit, that THE INDEPENDENT is right—and he is wrong. If he has already consulted the courts, he should remember, that in the days of the monarchy the court—on consultation gave one opinion, but when suit was brought decided the otherway—and it is the same old court.

Our beautiful Board of Education have—who know as much on that subject as Company E's mule—decided to buy \$15,000 worth of land and \$15,000 worth of house. They will give up for this, bonds worth 12 percent per annum. Well, women, even if they are Dillinghams or Dodges, have great business sense. Long live the Minister of Finance and the female board. It will be a good example to send round the world.

The Bulletin wants to know if representative government is really in existence. Well, it ought to know. It represents what? and it is in existence. Leave the Board of Education alone and attend to your own board. The others are full enough of other business.

The Finance Department is now kicking because the Board of Education and the Fire Department go and spend according to their own sweet will. That is bad. Seriously, however, no department of the government service should be in such a position as to cause the Executive to believe they cannot control them. What is the use of an executive if it can't do things?

As for the claims on this government. Well, they have to be paid. That is all. And the sooner the great "I am" who think they own the world—fenced in—realize it the better for us all.

Senators Rice and McCandless think that they can take away charters and other privileges ad libitum. But, when the courts are called into operation it will show them how idiotic their capacities are.

The Advertiser has got W. R. Castle's path "fraught with numerous possible pitfalls." It also states that "there is every reason to believe, however, that every measure of success will attend his official career in the United States." It is doubtful whether every measure of success will attend him. The probability is that the only measure of success he will achieve will be non-success.

The Board of Health don't want to kill the Chinese six months' bonded residents. That is awful. But the residents themselves seem to have got hold of Dr. Leong Keug Liong, and the result is that each one dies when his bond is up. And W. O. S. says some one is forging Agent Reynold's name to burial certificates. Considering that the Attorney-General owns E. G. Hitchcock and the rest of the police and detectives, it seems remarkable that he should assert that certain persons are forging names and never have the persons arrested.

One of the most amusing exercises of power under the Republic is the grave and seriously considered amendment to the Tramway Company's authority to use electric power. Amongst the sections to be added is one numbered 7. It is as follows: "No person shall be em-

ployed as a motor man, or a driver of a car unless he has received a license from the Minister of the Interior. The Minister of the Interior shall have the right to call for the dismissal of any motor man, if in his judgment, the public safety requires such dismissal—a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be charged for licenses to motor men." Some time ago the trancars, or one of them, ran over the army in its numerous evolutions. The driver was taken to court after arrest. He is probably still employed by the company. So now we have a section of a law to be printed on our statute books made specially to provide for his dismissal, or any other fool who tries to serve the public by disregarding the existence of the military, when they encroach on the public's legitimate sphere. How paltry!

If one thing is certain in this world of uncertainty, it is that Minister W. R. Castle does not hold, even the confidence of the people who appointed him and confirmed his appointment.

The Executive officer of the Board of Health, is now required to inspect all dead Chinese. Why can't the Board do its own work? It might teach them a needed lesson.

It takes 150 gallons of pure alcohol to each druggists here per year to make up medicine. The duty on this quantity has been reduced to \$2 per gallon, to allow poor people to get medical assistance cheap. Yet, we have periodically, that alcohol must be stamped out. It is a pity the physicians and drug compounder, couldn't get something else to put in their prescriptions—raspberry jam, for instance.

The Star is fighting for the passage of the Low Grade Kerosene Withdrawal Bill. We are agreed to its passage if the first result will be to burn up the Star office as well as those of the other supporters of this iniquitous measure. It is the use of it which entails the danger—not the trade in it. If the Star owners and editors had been here in 1891, they would know that oil, even as high as 115° is dangerous to the safety of the town.

Foreigners now who pay the tax to the Queen's Hospital are wrathful. They should remember that the result of paying that tax in former days made the present government. That that tax when paid should be made the license to overturn the government of the islands is where the claim comes in—never mind the Hospital.

At last the Executive have decided to confine expenditure within the limits of current receipts. Wonderful! But they don't say where the receipts are to come from.

Methylated and other alcohols are an abomination to the Minister of Finance. Yet he is willing if Messrs. Lewers and Cooke and E. O. Hall will endorse the bill to grant their druggist's licenses. He didn't say that they might wish to retail lumber, nails or paint under the license. How funny!

If the specialist in eye, ear and throat affections is here it doesn't matter whether he is at the hospital or not. If the present hospital physicians—including Dr. Wood—don't know enough to attend to that part of the business it is time the trus-

tees should look out to find somebody who could. This is a matter which reflects not only on the intelligence of the trustees but on the skill and experience of the Hospital physician. It is strange these things have been questioned since Dr. Wood came in charge.

South Sea Islanders in Waianae, are said by Dr. Russell, to be in a deplorable condition, without proper food or clothing. The matter will be attended to.

President W. O. Smith of the Board of Health, called attention to the dismissals from the Insane Asylum. If he would look after the appointments from top to bottom—in the interests of morality, he would be more of a credit to his bringing up.

Dr. Woods wants the licenses of Chinese doctors cancelled. He thinks that would stop all illegal practices by them. How long has Dr. Woods been licensed to kill anybody and bury them? His certificates would no doubt be interesting if published.

The following is the Advertiser report:

"Only members of the Senate and officers thereof appear in the photograph proof made by Artist Bolster yesterday."

Now, this is not true, F. Godfrey will testify. THE INDEPENDENT man, while not officially a member of the Senate, certainly claims to have done more than them all in legislation—Rice to the contrary notwithstanding.

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